FIG. 1 PRIOR ART

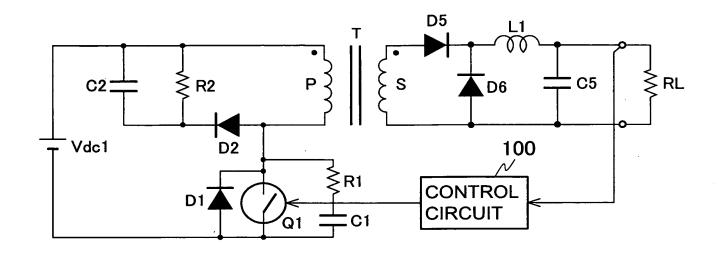
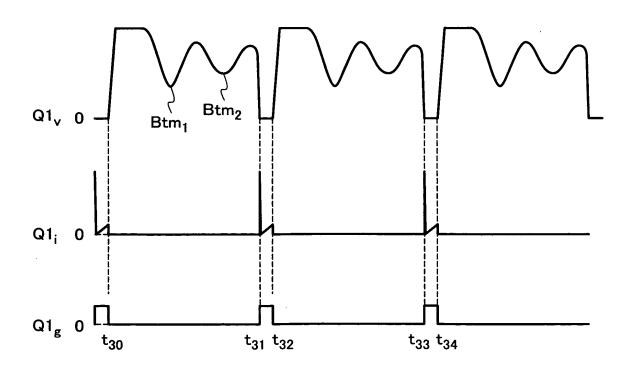
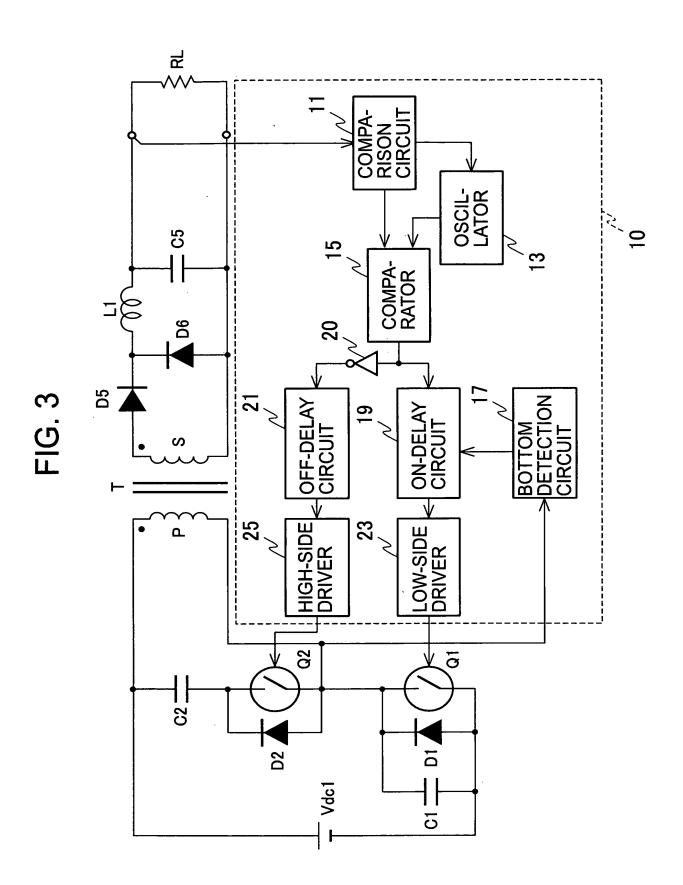


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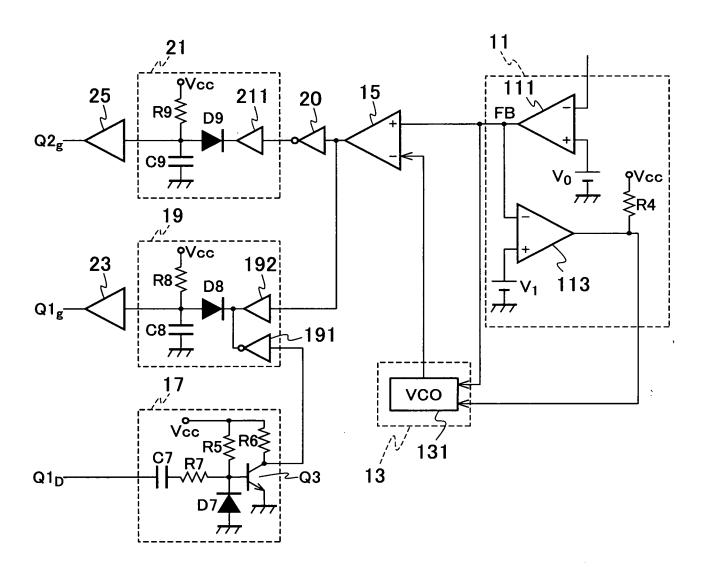


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FIG. 5

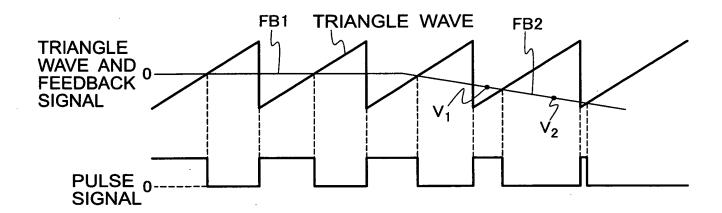
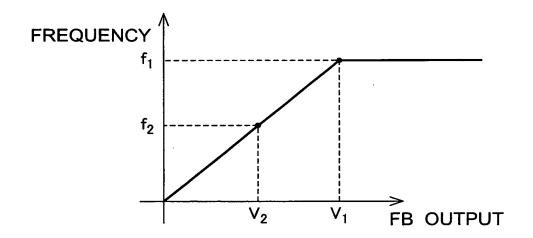


FIG. 6



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FIG. 7

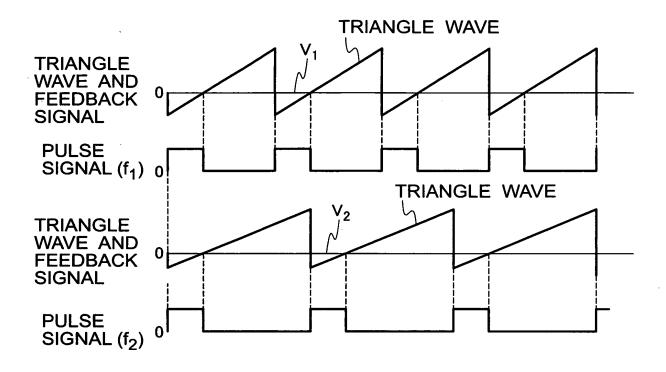


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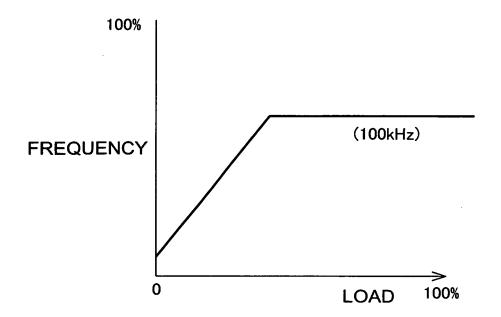
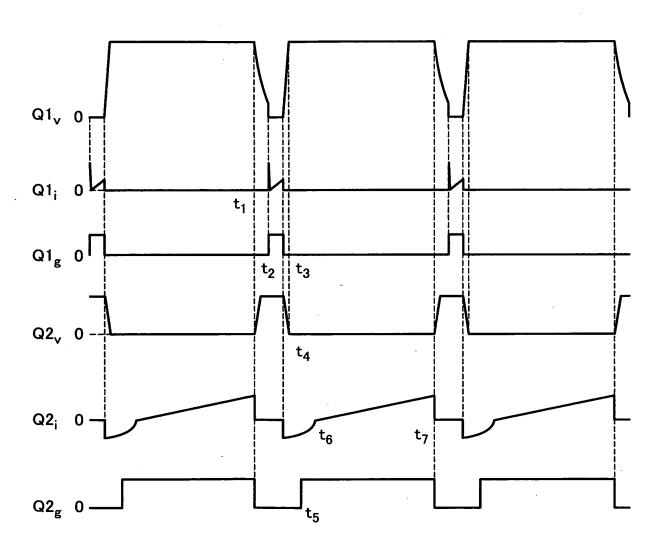


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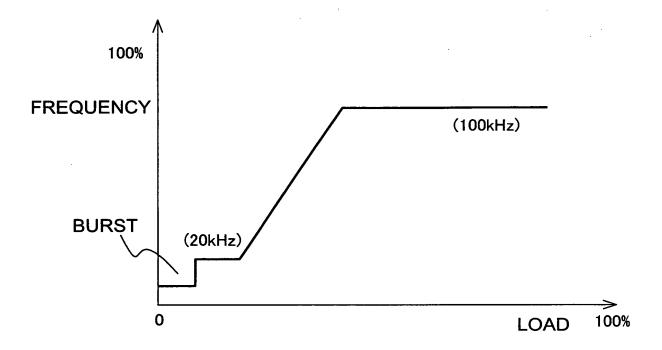


FIG. 11



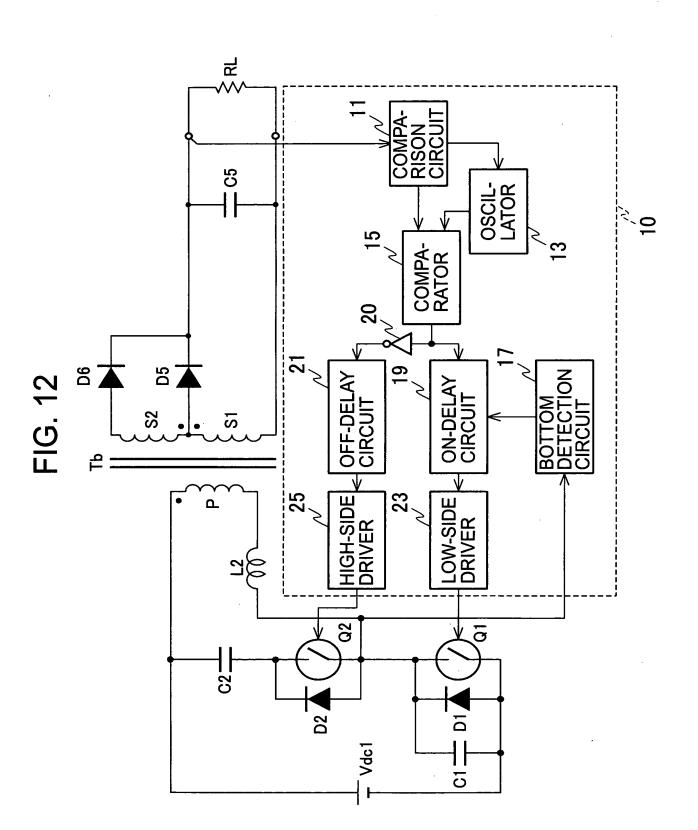
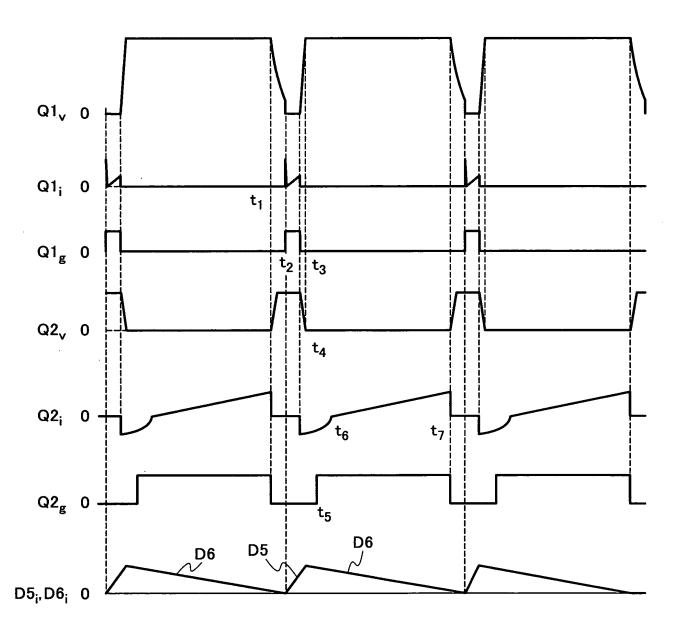


FIG. 13



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FIG. 14

